



**CALIFORNIA
HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY**

BRIEFING: September 2010 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #7

To: Chairman Pringle and Authority Members

From: Roelof van Ark, Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 27, 2010

RE: Delegation of Authority to CEO re: Administrative Record Preparation

Discussion

In compliance with the Superior Court's final judgment in *Town of Atherton, et al. v. California High Speed Rail Authority*, the Authority has prepared a Revised Final Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Bay Area to Central Valley portion of the high speed train system. Once the Board certifies that document for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, and once the Board acts to make new decisions based on that document, the Authority would be ready to take the necessary steps to bring the *Atherton* case to a final conclusion. These steps would include filing a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the State Clearinghouse; prior to filing the NOD, filing appropriate notice with the Department of Fish and Game; and preparing the administrative record for this matter. The administrative record should be prepared as quickly and efficiently as possible, and at reasonable cost. Given the Authority's small staff, it may be appropriate, cost-effective and efficient to contract for the preparation of this administrative record. The attached resolution provides a delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer to take whatever steps are necessary to accomplish the preparation of the administrative record related to the Revised Final Program EIR for the Bay Area to Central Valley HST system.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve, and adopt the attached resolution providing a delegation of authority to the Chief Executive Officer to take whatever steps are necessary, including the execution of a contract, to accomplish the preparation of the administrative record concerning the Revised Final Program EIR for the Bay Area to Central Valley portion of the HST system.

Attachment

✓ Resolution HSRA11-12 – Delegation of Authority re: Administrative Record